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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Helen Burns Jackson, who passed away on September 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jackson was born on November 9, 1923 in Greenville County, South Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jackson received her early education in the public schools of Greenville and, because of her extraordinary singing voice, earned a music scholarship to attend Talladega College in Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jackson earned her license in cosmetology and owned and operated the Helen B. Jackson Beauty Salon for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Jackson was baptized at an early age at Springfield Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina; she later joined the Long Branch Baptist Church, and then the Piedmont Manor Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir, delighting parishioners with her soprano voice, served on the Missionary Society, and participated in a host of other church ministries; and

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1 WHEREAS, Helen Jackson was a feminist who challenged molds
2 long before the feminist movement became popular; she took an
3 interest in many hobbies, including interior decorating,
4 cosmetology, spending time with her family, and especially
5 serving her community through numerous organizations,
6 including the Boards of Directors of the Phyllis Wheatley
7 Center, the Y.W.C.A., Greenville Technical College, the Trip
8 Advisory Committee, and the Greenville Family Advocate; she was
9 also a member of the Democratic Women's Organization, a
10 founding member of the first Greenville Cosmetology Club, and a
11 member of the 9th District of the South Carolina State
12 Cosmetology Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Helen Jackson was preceded in death by her loving
14 husband of 40 years, Charles Henry Jackson, Sr.; and

15 WHEREAS, Helen Jackson is survived by her sons, Rev. Jesse
16 L. Jackson, Sr. and his wife, Jacqueline, and Charles Henry
17 Jackson, Jr., and his wife, Cheryl; her grandchildren, Santita,
18 Jesse, Jr. (Sandra), Jonathan (Marilyn), Felicia, Reginald
19 (mother, Evelyn), Yusef (Amaya), Jacqueline, II, Corey
20 (Shanine), Candace, Crystal, Najma, (Chris and Evelyn Hurst),
21 and Ashley; her great-grandchildren, Jocelyn, Jonathan,
22 Jessica, Leah, Noah, Skye, Cali, Jesse, III, Christian, Akemi,
23 Yusef, Cassius, Corey, Chaileal, Evelyn, Atticus, Matthias,
24 Blythe Eden, and Roman; her cousins, Phillip Jossey, Lisa Junco

1 (Al), Maria Owen (Othel, Sr.), Kathleen McCants (Andre), Linda
2 Matuszak (David), Phillip, Lisa, and Lydia; and her many other
3 relatives and special friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
7 Helen Burns Jackson; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Helen Jackson as an expression of
10 our sympathy.